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As shown in four of the attached newspaper articles from the *Huntington Beach News* and the *Los Angeles Times*, you can see that the library was built in 1950 and 1951 on the historic Triangle Park, which dates back to at least the 1930s. Furthermore, the attached excerpts from three books on the history of Huntington Beach, all available at the Central Library, delineate that we have had a public library located in our downtown for the City's entire one-hundred-year history.

Although our research on the library's design group is not finished, one of the enclosed *Huntington Beach News* articles identifies one of its architects as Denver Markwith. Two more enclosed *Los Angeles Times* articles show that Denver Markwith was one of a pair of designers for a 1948 model home in Los Angeles, and that he eventually became president of a long-standing commercial development firm in Southern California.

On a final note, Jerry Person, Huntington Beach's City Historian, has told us this week that the Main Street Library almost certainly would qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. Important in this qualification is that the library building has retained its original character; both the exterior and interior appearances have not been changed in its 58-year history. Given these facts, Jerry recommended a nomination for the National Register as the best means for preserving the Main Street Library.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about this letter or the attached information. Thank you again for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,

Richardson Gray  
Huntington Beach Downtown Residents Association

cc: Members of the Historic Resources Board  
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# Southland Will Honor Nation's Hero Dead With Services Today

In a spirit of humility, the entire Southland will pause today to pay simple tribute to the sacrifices made by the valorous legions of the dead. Memorial Day services will be conducted in almost every community.

As a symbol of grateful remembrance, flowers will be cast on the ocean at Long Beach and following the ceremonies a parade of patriotic units will pass through the business section to the Municipal Auditorium for exercises at 11 a.m.

Courtesy Mousen, Board of Education secretary and World War veteran, will be the principal speaker at Pasadena's Memorial Day exercises in Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m.

A. P. Judisch, 23-year-old Civil War hero, will serve as grand marshal of the parade which will move through the downtown section at 10 a.m.

## FOREST LAWN PROGRAM

Glendale's program will be conducted at a symbolic grave of the soldier dead in Forest Lawn Memorial Park at 2:30 p.m. A parade of patriotic, civic and fraternal organizations from the downtown section will precede the exercises. N. P. Banks Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will be in charge of the program. Dr. William C. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, will be the principal speaker.

Main services at Santa Monica will be at Woodlawn Cemetery on Pico Boulevard and will center around the G.A.R. monument. The rites will precede a parade from the business section in the morning, with veterans of all wars represented in the march. School children will strew flowers on the ocean in memory of the sailor dead at 1:30 p.m. This exercise will be at Municipal Pier, and at 2 p.m. in Convention Hall, Frank J. Erwin, commander of the Legion of Valor, will preside over a patriotic program.

## WILL DEDICATE MONUMENT

Santa Barbara's celebration will center around the dedication of a monument to members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Santa Barbara Cemetery. Every patriotic organization of the city will attend ceremonies, at which Harrison Ryan, captain in the World War, will be speaker of the day. Mrs. Edith Glassman, patriotic instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps, will present the monument and Commander Henry Proctor of Starr King G.A.R. Post will accept it. Veterans of three wars will march in the State-street parade, and Rev. Robert Norris McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will deliver the Memorial Day address in the sunken gardens of the courthouse.

Inglewood's commemoration will take place at the G.A.R. plot in Inglewood Park Cemetery and will follow a parade which will form at 9:30 a.m.

## HAWTHORNE SERVICES

Dist. Atty. Fitts will give a Memorial Day address at exercises to be conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars at Hawthorne Community Church at 10 a.m.

At Hermosa Beach, American Legion Post No. 184 will be host to the South Bay District in Memorial Day observance. There will be a parade and a patriotic assembly at the Hermosa Theater at 10 a.m.

Bruce McDaniel will speak at a ceremony at the Bowl in Redlands following a parade of veterans and school children and there also will be a ritual service at Hillside Cemetery.

## OCEAN CEREMONY

Newport Beach citizens will join in rites at the end of Balboa pier, following a parade which will assemble at 10:45 a.m. War veterans will cast floral tributes upon the ocean. Patriotic organizations of Newport and Costa Mesa will participate.

Triangle Park will be the place of assembly at Huntington Beach for

a parade to the end of the Municipal Pier, where veteran organizations will conduct ceremonies in honor of the sailor dead. A similar service for the soldier dead will be conducted later at Westminster Park.

Legion posts of Redondo, Torrance, Harbor City, Compton, Hawthorne and Gardena and their auxiliaries will join in exercises in Roosevelt Park at Redondo at 1:30 p.m. Supervisor McDonough will be the principal speaker.

## EL SEGUNDO SERVICES

El Segundo will pay tribute to its war dead in patriotic exercises at City Park, to follow a parade. C. C. McGonegal, past Commander of the county council of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker.

San Gabriel Valley's annual tribute will take place at Oakdale cemetery, with representatives of Glendora, Azusa, Covina, San Dimas and Baldwin Park veteran posts participating. Judge Clarence L. Kincaid will be the speaker.

Following past custom, Pomona's exercises will be conducted in Pomona Cemetery following a morning parade. Civil War veterans will review the parade from a stand on the steps of the Federal Building. Rev. Charles F. Hutzler will be the speaker.

Graves of war dead in Bellevue Cemetery at Ontario will be decorated by the Ontario G.A.R. post and an all-day observance will be climaxed by a play, "No More Frontier," to be presented by students of the dramatics department at Chaffey Junior College.

## TO DECORATE GRAVES

The woman's auxiliary of the Tujunga Legion Post will decorate graves in Tujunga Cemetery and the Verdugo Hills post of the American Legion will represent Montrose La. Crescents area in exercises at the graves of veteran dead in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Judge Yankwich will be the principal speaker at exercises to be conducted in Garfield Park at 9:30 a.m. in South Pasadena. He will speak on "Preserving Our Freedom."

## BOTH BLUE AND GRAY

Four members of the Grand Army of the Republic and one from the Confederate Army will be among the veterans here who will pay tribute to the war dead today. At Huntington Park, five veterans groups and their auxiliaries will unite in services, and a parade to Municipal Park where an address will be made by Thomas A. Law attorney.

Veterans of Foreign Wars at Bell will conduct services this morning beside the grave of Capt. John H. Carroll from whom the post takes its name. Ray Rogers will deliver the memorial address, and Commander Al McCool will be in charge of ritualistic ceremonies.

## JOINT SERVICES

Honor will be paid the hero dead here in a ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. at Oakdale Cemetery, under the auspices of Legion Posts of Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, San Dimas and Azusa. Oliver S. Powell, Past Commander of Frank J. Gard Post, Glendora, will preside. Judge Kincaid of Los Angeles Superior Court, will speak.

With an airplane droning above Live Oak Cemetery Monrovia will pay honor to America's war dead in a ceremony under the leadership of the American Legion. All other patriotic bodies will join in the program.

Claremont town and college authorities will join in Memorial Day services in Oak Park Cemetery this morning with Rev. Bertrand G. Warren, rector of the Pomona Episcopal Church, as speaker.

Two Memorial Day exercises will be conducted at Whittier, the first at Mount Olive Cemetery and the other at Rose Hills Memorial Park. The first ceremony, starting at 9:15 a.m., will be addressed by James M. Sheridan, representing Spanish War veterans. Arthur S. Guerin of the American Legion Luncheon Club of Los Angeles will address the Rose Hills gathering.

Montebello's exercises will be conducted in the amphitheater of Montebello Municipal Park, under direction of the Montebello Legion post. Memorial Day services at Santa Catalina Island will be held under the auspices of the American Legion. A parade will form at 10 a.m. at the City Hall and proceed to Crescent avenue where the services will be held at the water front. Lieut. Eston B. Koger, assistant naval inspector, will be the speaker of the day.

# 000 Aerial Bomb Lawsuit Filed to Council

Councilmen Monday night City Clerk John L. Hendrick read the \$50,000 lawsuit the municipality filed by S. Henderson, son of Mr. Mrs. Edwin A. Henderson, 14400 Ave.

He was doing some work for the city last July, Henderson charged he received personal injury due to the neglect and carelessness of the City officials."

The lawsuit claimed that Hendrick picked up an aerial bomb last July 4 by city officials, two days after the Independence celebration and that it exploded in his hand, causing "simultaneous fracture of both bones of the forearm, multiple laceration of right ear, both arms and external wounds of right hand necessitating the surgical removal of major portions of right hand leaving only the right index and index finger."

The bomb was picked up in a

lot near his home. City officials pointed out that the aerial salute charges are set off nearly a mile from this spot. The matter has been turned over to City Attorney Charles A. Bauer.

## Ned Hedrick Hurt in Korea Battle

Sgt. 1-c Ned H. Hedrick, brother of Mrs. Harold Hight, 320 7th St., Huntington Beach, has been reported wounded in action in Korea by the department of defense.

Mrs. Hight said her brother wrote her from a hospital in Japan that he had injured his right hand, during hand to hand combat, but not seriously.

Hedrick, 32, went overseas Aug. 1 and as a 24th Infantry replacement, she said. He is a World War II veteran, having fought in New Guinea, the Philippines and Bataan. He also served with the army of occupation in Germany.

Another sister, Mrs. W. E. Stewart, lives at 14081 Wilson, Midway City.

## Special Council Session Monday to Settle Bids

A special meeting of the City Council has been called for 5 p.m. Monday, October 9, to select or reject bids on two municipal projects, the construction of the new library in Triangle Park and the curbing and resurfacing work on 17th St.

Bids for both jobs were opened at Monday night's regular first of the month session. All were referred to the assistant City Engineer George L. Waters for analysis and report.

Only two firms bid on the library. Buttress and McClellan, Los Angeles, offered to do the task for \$120,780 and Jake Kuhns, Long Beach, estimated \$145,753.

Five close bids were read by City Clerk John L. Hendricksen on the 17th St. work: Sully Miller, \$18,332.35; Griffith Co. \$23,447.48; John J. Swigart \$19,923.85; Cox Bros. \$21,584.53; R. J. Noble \$20,734.59.

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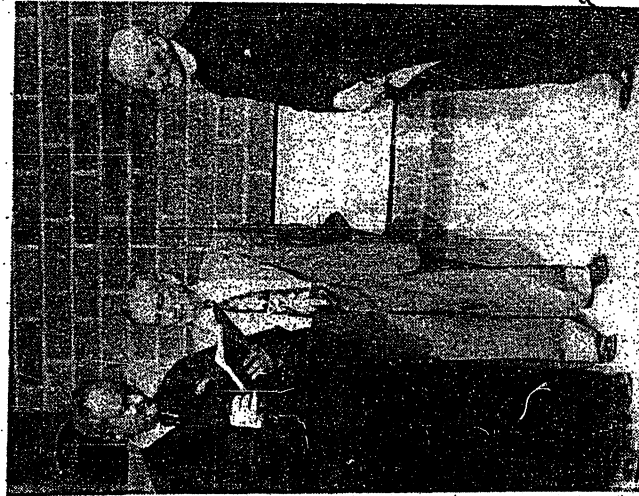
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# Church Rites Mark Laying of Cornerstone

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CEREMONY—The Rev. Thomas Nolbach, left, officiates at cornerstone laying ceremony of First Presbyterian Church of Van Nuys. Watching are Building Committee Chairman Frank Roemer and the pastor emeritus, the Rev. David Farquharson, who was guest of honor at service.

Times photo

## Church Rites Mark Laying of Cornerstone

The Rev. David Farquharson, pastor emeritus, was the guest of honor yesterday when the cornerstone was laid for what is to become the new home of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Nuys. He became pastor of the church in 1923.

The new \$125,000 structure is going up on Friar St. beside the present church structure at Friar St. and Cedros Ave. The present church, oldest Presbyterian church in the valley, was completed in 1912. It will be razed. The three units which will complete the new building program will cost a total of \$250,000.

The Rev. Thomas I. Nalbach performed the dedication, assisted by members of the church building committee and other church officers.

### Huntington Beach Gets Bids on New Library

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Oct. 8.—The city council today studied two bids for building a new city library, to be located in the civic center. The figures were \$120,880 and \$145,743. A decision is expected next Monday.

## Valley 'Old-Timers' Fete Church's 41st Birthday

More than 29 old-timers—members for more than 30 years—at the First Methodist Church of San Fernando attended the church's 41st anniversary yesterday. All but four of the 18 left who were present when the church was dedicated in 1909 were present.

Among those present who were there in 1909 was Mrs. C. W. Judy, church organist. Others were Mrs. Estella Edwards, Mrs. Glenn Chamberlin, Mrs. Marie MacLay Gibson, Mrs. Clara Humphrey, W. W. Jones, Mrs. Eugene Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kidder, Mrs. Edith Metzner, S. M. Smith, Floyd Smith, Mrs. U. S. Tilburn, Harry Waite, Lyman Waite, Mrs. L. E. Webster, Mrs. Lupa Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wilkinson and Mrs. Hannah Tilburn Wood.

### Community Breakfast Will Climax Drive

HERMOSA BEACH, Oct. 8.—A family style community breakfast will climax the annual membership drive of the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce, opening tomorrow. George Redusch, chamber president, said the goal is 1300 members to be sought in the drive closing Oct. 14.

## Religious Group Names Official

Luke W. Fishburn, 29, a 1943 graduate of University of California at Los Angeles, has been appointed associate secretary of the University Religious Conference with special responsibility for interfaith work and the summer camp program.

A native of Los Angeles and a Navy veteran, he holds a B.A. degree in psychology and education from the Westwood institution and has done advanced study in the University of Southern California Graduate School of Social Work.

## Winterbourne Named Norwalk Paper Editor

NORWALK, Oct. 8.—Frank Winterbourne, former newspaperman in Santa Barbara, Redondo Beach, Santa Ana and other Southland cities, has been named editor of the Norwalk Citizen, recently established tabloid weekly. Winterbourne has made his home in recent

years at San Juan Capistrano, where he served as a correspondent for the Los Angeles Times.

## State May Take Over Hospital

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## State May Take Over Hospital

CORONA, Oct. 26—Conversion of the deactivated Norco Naval Hospital into a Southern California State home for veterans of the nation's armed forces may solve this community's problem of getting the valuable property put to constructive use.

This was the proposal expounded today by State Sen. Nelson S. Dillworth of Hemet.

### To Sponsor Home

Sen. Dillworth said he will sponsor in the State Legislature a move to have the Norco property taken over for operation of a State home for California war veterans to supplement the overcrowded Yountville Home.

He said: "Some of the money planned for use in enlarging the Yountville Home should be used to acquire Norco and convert it into a Southern California State facility similar to the NAPA County Home."

## Early Whittier Area Settler Dies

EAST WHITTIER, Oct. 26—Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the White Emerson Chapel for Mrs. Willard J. Gregory, 79, pioneer resident of this area who died today.

Coming to Whittier from Santa Barbara in 1902, Mrs. Gregory and her husband were early citrus ranchers in this district.

She leaves her husband, three sons, Willard G. of Glendale, Stuart of Goleta and Gerald J. of Arcadia, and two daughters, Marion Gregory of Whittier and Mrs. Virginia Grey of San Mateo.

## New Library Assured

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Oct. 26—City Engineer Harry A. Overmyer today announced that construction of the new public library will begin in early November.

## Clerk Held in Alleged \$5000 Extortion Attempt

OXNARD, Oct. 26—Oxnard police today held a 22-year-old unemployed grocery clerk in the attempted extortion of \$5000 from Dr. Floyd J. Swift, Oxnard physician.

The clerk, William Dean Bodenhamer, was arrested as he took a bundle of what was supposed to have been 250 \$20 bills which had been placed in a bucket beside a telephone pole 50 minutes earlier, according to telephone instructions.

Det. Edward Stanton, who was lying in a ditch beside the telephone pole on Ventura Road un-

beknown to Bodenhamer, made the arrest.

"It was all just a wild dream—I'd seen it in the movies," Bodenhamer said today in County Jail.

### Threat by Letter

Dr. Swift first learned of the extortion plan yesterday when he received a letter in the mail threatening harm to his 29-month-old adopted daughter Sally, unless the money was paid. The doctor conferred with his attorney, Mark Durley, who advised calling police.

The next contact came at 6:30 p.m. by telephone, with police listening on an extension phone.

## Paper Acquired by Former Owner

ANAHEIM, Oct. 26—Orange County News, 121 Center St., today reverted to its previous owner, Mrs. Margaret Wright, when Kaufman and Kaufman, attorneys for Mrs. Wright placed a top and only bid of \$10,000 at an auction sale.

The auction, handled by Atty. John Shea, Anaheim, appointed by Orange County last Oct. 5, was held to satisfy judgment granted by the court to Mrs. Wright against the American and Oriental Friendship Association on her action to foreclose a \$15,500 chattel mortgage on the paper's equipment.

## WATER TABLES IN COACHELLA VALLEY RISING

INDIO, Oct. 26—Based on readings taken from 31 widely scattered test wells, underground water tables in Coachella Valley have risen an average of 1.85 feet since September, 1949, J. H. Snyder, general manager of the Coachella Valley Water District, reported today.

Wells to the northwest of Indio showed an average .7-foot drop; to the west and southwest, a 1.84-foot rise; to the south 1.86 feet up; to the northeast a 9.7-foot increase.

Snyder pointed out that the rising table indicates use of All-American Canal water has slowed pumping materially but does not mean that the Colorado River water has permeated the soil to the water table.

## Monrovia Civic Leader Succumbs

MONROVIA, Oct. 26—Joseph J. Hoffman, 81, for 39 years a civic, business and church leader here, died today.

Mr. Hoffman retired as a real estate broker in 1946. He was one of the founders of the Monrovia Mutual Building & Loan Association.

He leaves his widow Annie, a brother, Dr. John W. Hoffman of San Marino, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Hazlett of Newark, O.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the W. R. Temple Mortuary here.

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**NS HAVE BEEN** drawn for the best business unit of an \$8,000 development at Garden to embrace 250 homes in the \$5,000 to \$17,500 class.

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**IS RUMORED** in political that Speaker of the Assembly Sam Collins of Fullerton is running for state senator next year as previously reported, but little for a judgeship instead.

**ON DOOR** of Laguna White House Bar: If Cleveland fails to win the American pennant, application for a day shift will be re-heard.

**MORE AND MORE** school men are cultivating the dope more and more people are Governor Dewey why he got out from prison, "Lucky" so, world wide dope racket

# NEW PUBLIC Library Formally Opens Sun.

The new public library of the city of Huntington Beach will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. in appropriate ceremonies to be held in the main reading room of the new building, announces Lylyan Mossinger, city librarian.

The public is cordially invited to attend the dedication, to explore the features of the new structure, and to join library friends in an informal social hour immediately following the program.

Dedicatory service will be as follows: Invocation by Rev. Robert A. Blume, pastor of the First Methodist Church; official welcome by Vernon E. Langenbeck, mayor of the city; presentation of keys to Pearl M. Jones, president of library board, by Denver Markwith, architect and builder; dedicatory address by Rev. James G. Hurst, pastor of the First Church of Christ; benediction by Rev. Charles M. Bacon, pastor of the Wintersburg Methodist Community Church.

Many new features will be found in this beautiful structure—the spacious reading rooms, superior lighting facilities, a lecture room and ample catalog and work-rooms for the library staff.

On the shelves are a total of 35,000 volumes representing a valuation of \$115,000.00 and an annual expenditure of \$4000.00, one hundred to two hundred fifty books being purchased monthly. Adult books range from general reference through philosophy, psychology, religion, science, vocations, arts, literature, biography, and travel to the latest fiction. Children's books are both informative and entertaining.

The library will be open for circulation of books Monday, Oct. 1, hours 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Children's department from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will be closed on Sunday.



Our Courtesy Press-Telegram

**TO WED**—Mr. and Mrs. Hollis W. Matthews, 619 10th St., Huntington Beach, announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Marianne, to U.S. Marine Sgt. Kenneth V. Ewing of El Toro. The couple has tentatively set the wedding date for Oct. 21. Miss Matthews is a graduate of Huntington Beach Union High School.

## V.F.W. Sues For Carnival Funds

Suit was instituted in City Court Friday by Huntington Beach Post No. 7368, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for judgment for funds claimed from operation of a community carnival here during the Fourth of July week.

Defendants listed in the complaint are Community Carnival, an unincorporated association, the



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## Minister Proves Wit In Disaster Interview

Prize retort of the week came from a local minister who was interviewed by a member of the Disaster Relief Council.

"In case of your church being needed for a refuge, how many people could sleep there at night?" the council member asked the pastor.

"I don't know how many could sleep there at night, but I can tell you how many can sleep in my church in the daytime," was the classic reply from the reverend who has preached many a sermon to an inattentive flock.

## Chamber Plans For Holidays

## Are Announced

Vice President Arch Lockett, in the absence of President Dave Jones, presided over the regular



# Huntington Beach Gem of the South Coast

## Diann Marsh

Chief Smeltzer presided over five major divisions. One of only a few police departments in Orange County to book and record its own arrests, the department also maintained its own fingerprint files. Sgt. Henry Archer was in charge of that program.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the 1960s, with Chief Delbert "Bud" Higgins at the helm, the Fire Department was growing with the city. To meet the new demands of expansion, the department increased to 54 full-time and 72 part-time employees. At that time, the department had the use of six pumpers, one ladder wagon and two rescue units spread among its fire stations.

The new heavily residential areas that had been added to the city created a complexity of fire problems. Chief Higgins was particularly concerned because the old oil wells that were previously steamed out were producing sulfide gas. He felt that the situation could raise fire and rescue problems.

Chief Higgins, who had grown up in the city, had served as a volunteer with the department since 1932. In August of 1950, after Chief Sargent had retired, Higgins was appointed fire and lifeguard chief. He worked to improve the department during the heavy period of growth, and retired in 1967.



A jib-foot grader, shown here in August of 1952, prepares the roadbed for one of the hundreds of new city streets which were created in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.  
Courtesy Geivet Collection, Old Courthouse Museum

### TWO NEW LIBRARIES

On Sunday, September 30, 1951, the city's new international-style library located at 525 Main Street, opened its doors for the first time. Dedicated by Mayor Vernon Ragenbeck, it was built at a cost of \$140,000. Lyle Mossinger, who served as head librarian for about 20 years, was in charge of the new facility.

Beginning in the 1960s, the city sensed the urgency for more library space. In 1967, the city selected a 10-acre site on Talbert Avenue which included part of Talbert Lake. During the elections on November 5, 1968, a bond issue which was placed on the ballot received the support of 62 percent of the

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**Deane & Homes**

The stylish Pacific Sands Homes, constructed in 1966, were typical of the many tracts being developed in Huntington Beach.  
Courtesy Arline Huff Howard



# Huntington Beach Preserves its Unique Past

The second Huntington Beach Public Library building opened on September 30, 1951. Located at 525 Main Street, it cost \$140,000 to build. When the new main library opened in Central Park in 1973, this building became a branch library. *Courtesy Geivet Collection, Old Courthouse Museum*



voters, barely failing to get the required two-thirds majority. The city council, looking for other avenues by which to finance the needed library, formed a Public Facilities Corporation to obtain the funding. A five-man board was appointed to run the corporation.

The next task was to choose an architect for the new library. After reviewing the work of 35 architects, the field was narrowed to 17 candidates. After considerable thought and investigation, the father and son team of Richard and Dion Neutra was chosen to design the facility. Shortly thereafter, Richard Neutra died, leaving Dion to complete the work.

The groundbreaking was held on October 28, 1972. The library and its lovely natural setting are a source of continuing pride to the community.

## GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE IS FOUNDED

In 1965 the new Golden West College, located on a 122-acre campus between Golden West, Edinger, McFadden and Gothard avenues, held its first classes. The 15 original buildings included a 370-seat lecture hall and labs for business, science, math, technology, fine and applied arts and the humanities. The centerpiece of the campus was a multi-purpose student center. The new school library began its life with 21,000 volumes.

Dr. R. Dudley Boyce was chosen in 1964 to lead the college in its first years. The establishment of Golden West College expanded the opportunities for residents to obtain further schooling, greatly benefiting the community.

## HUNTINGTON HARBOR POSSESSES A TRUE MAGIC

Huntington Harbor, a \$200 million development,

city's north end. Fishing, swimming, boating and a chance to view some of the awesome scenery were a few of the amenities offered by the new development.

The land on which the community was built had problems with unclear land titles, the remnants of oil wells and derricks, no supply of fresh water, environmental eyes and the lack of civic backing.

When the true potential was discovered, the land was developed to include 620 acres of buildable land and 258 acres of waterways. When the project was finished it allowed for

miles of waterfront property. Tennis courts, swimming pools and a variety of special events, such as sail races, made Huntington Harbor especially attractive. Shopping centers, schools, parks and mooring facilities were developed for the residents' convenience.

## THE NEWLAND HOUSE IS RESCUED

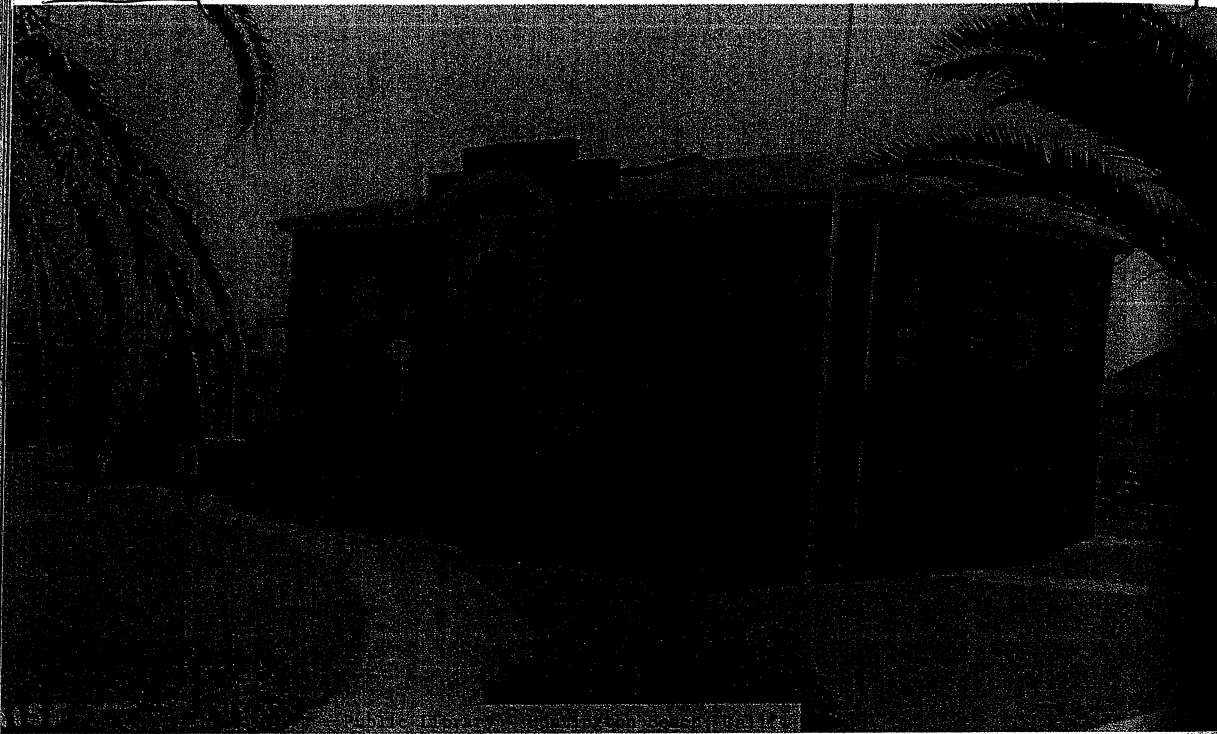
In May of 1898, when Mary and William Newland moved their large family into their new Victorian home on a bluff overlooking a tree-shaded ravine and miles of lowlands, it was the only house in sight.

Today the stately house has been restored in remembrance of the Newland family and as a symbol of the unique history of Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Historical Society, a hard-work and dedicated organization, has completed the major restoration tasks needed to make the house look as it did when the Newland family lived there.

The lowest and most discouraging point in the house's restoration history came when vandals set fire to a mattress in the vacant boarded-up house, burning a hole in the roof and causing serious damage to the second floor. In addition, the water used to put the fire out ruined the plaster walls throughout the house. The Historical Society members went to work repairing the damage and restoring the house to its former beauty.

As long as Mary Newland was alive the house was in good condition. After William died in 1901 she managed the ranch and cared for the house herself for many years. In addition to running the ranch until the mid-1940s, she tended the vegetable garden, fruit trees, berry bushes and rose garden.

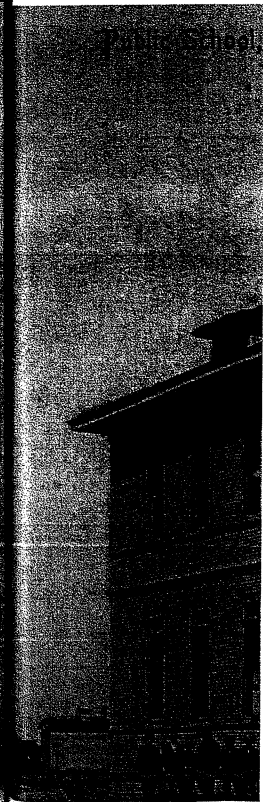
# Huntington Beach Then & Now Chris Epting



The first grammar school seen in this "then" photo near the intersection of

The Carnegie Library was built in 1913 at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Third Street. In March 1933, it suffered considerable damage in the great earthquake that struck the area. On Friday, July 13, 1951, the Carnegie Library closed

its doors after almost 40 years of service, and soon after, a new library building at 525 Main Street was dedicated by Mayor Vernon Langenbeck. Today this is a residential district, and the Central Library is located in Central Park.



MISCELLANEOUS PEOPLE AND PLACES: BRINGING THEM BACK INTO FOCUS

MISCELLANEOUS

# Century of Service: A History of Huntington Beach

Mike Hayward

Until the city was incorporated in 1909, access to a public library was limited to neighboring towns. That would have meant a horse and buggy ride, or a trip on the Pacific Electric Railway to Santa Ana or Long Beach. When it was clear that the city would now have the ability to raise funds and create its own facility, two citizens approached the Board of Trade about the idea. R. W. Blodgett and Mrs. R. H. Lindgren also generated interest in the Huntington Beach Women's Club, who called a special meeting to establish a library organization. That group would become the forerunner to the still very active Friends of the Huntington Beach Library.

These active volunteers didn't wait for the city to act, but instead, produced their own by-laws and constitution, and went to work to give the city its first library. Mr. A. W. Everett, Mrs. C. D. Heartwell, Mrs. Mary Manske, Miss Alma Wilson and Mr. A. L. Reed were the first trustees of the newly formed group. To have a facility for the growing collection of donated books, A. L. Reed guaranteed payment of \$50 for an old office building that would need to be moved. A generous landlord allowed the volunteers to have the building moved to a lot at the corner of Walnut and Main.

In a period of only four months this group of motivated volunteers had begun the process of bringing a library to the city. The newly elected city of Huntington Beach trustees, after a presentation by A. W. Everett, agreed to take over the administration of the new library venture when they passed Ordinance 18 on June 14, 1909. Ed Manning, the trustees first President, appointed the new library board, which included Everett as the first President, Mrs. Lindgren as secretary, and Mrs. Manske, Mrs. Blodgett and Ida Vincent as trustees.

A month later, the 338 volumes in the new library had been catalogued with help from the Long Beach library staff, and the first librarian had been appointed, Edith Brown of Long Beach. No doubt she took the old Pacific Electric Red Car into work each day. Of the 338 volumes, 228 had been donated! In addition to housing the books, the library also subscribed to twelve magazines. The library board had to deal with a move of the facility when Mr. Hearn told them they'd need to move their facility by year-end. Evidently moving buildings was an easier task than would be the case today.

It took another year, but by January 1911, the library was open for business at the corner of Walnut and 3rd. Streets. In May 1911, a new librarian took over administration of the library. Ms. Bertha Proctor received

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the not-so-princely sum of \$35 a month for her services. The Huntington Beach Company generously offered a site for the growing library collection. The library board went to work, and with more volunteer support they made a grant request to the Carnegie Corporation for funding for a permanent facility.

Andrew Carnegie, founder of the Carnegie Corporation, had made a fortune in the steel industry. He was a strong believer in education, and viewed access to a good public library as a key necessity to assure a well-educated public citizen. His corporation funded public library buildings all over the world. Starting in his boyhood home in Scotland in 1883, Carnegie built over 2500 library buildings by 1929. Huntington Beach would benefit from the steel millionaire's generosity. The new Carnegie Library building was constructed on four lots on the corner of Walnut and 8th. Street.

The News reported that the Huntington Beach Union High School Yearbook staff would produce the Cauldron for the 1910-11 school year led by Estelle Vandruff, Editor. A familiar family name in town, Lawrence Worthing, would be in charge of snapshots. In 1910, slightly less than 10% of the population graduated from High School. By 1930, that percentage had tripled to 30%. The youngsters who were attending Huntington Beach Union High School were in select company in 1911.

A huge event for women in 1911 was the act of the California Legislature to extend the vote to women! California was the sixth state to take that action that applied to municipal, county and state elections. It would take almost another decade for women to get the needed 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution to allow them to vote in national elections though.

April 14, 1912 saw one of the 20th Century's most dramatic catastrophes, the sinking of the Titanic. This story would have been spread across all of the daily papers. Word would have reached town via the telegraph, and by phone contact. Surely the Pacific Electric car would have brought papers down from Santa Ana and from Long Beach on the two rail lines into town. Short of the outbreak of World War I, this maritime disaster would have captured the city resident's attention. Ministers would certainly have found the tragedy as a rich source of sermon material. "Lo, how the mighty have fallen..."

Ervin L. Vincent became the town's third Police chief when he was appointed Marshall by the board of trustees May 9, 1912. His appointment

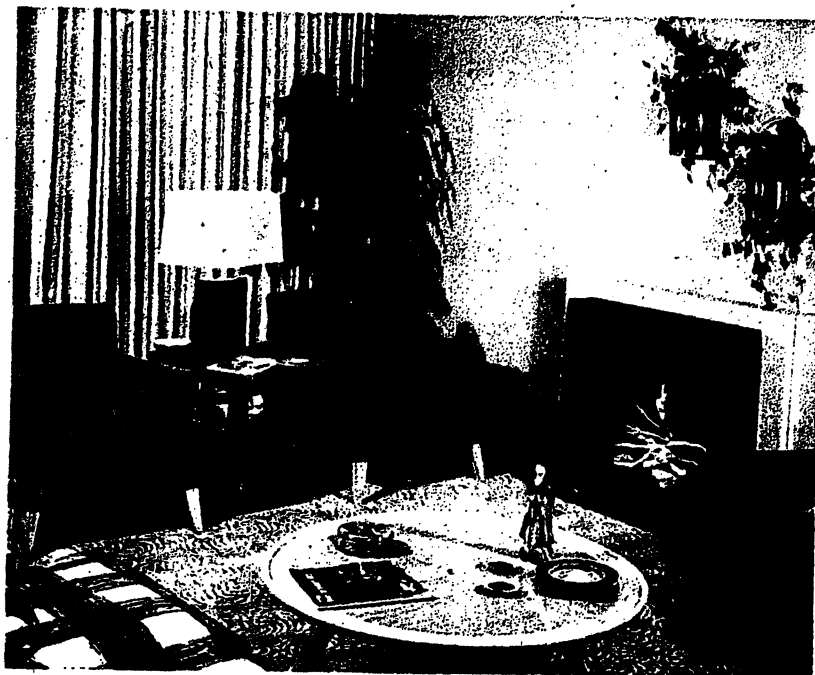
# Los Angeles Home1948 Model

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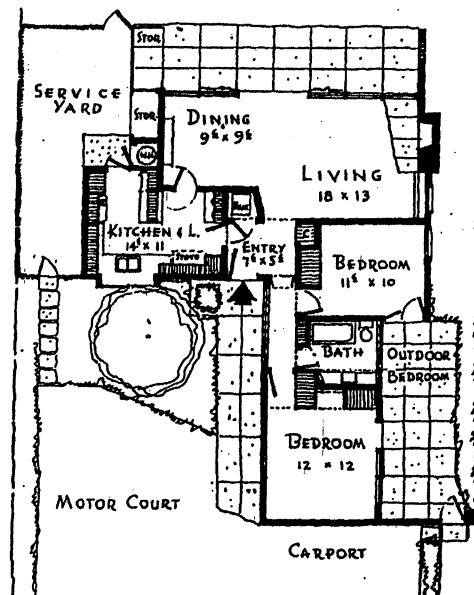
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A Modern palomino ash cocktail table provides center of interest in the living room of the model home. Bright red chairs harmonize with shades of brown, green and chartreuse.



Model home has been built so that it will fit onto a 50-foot lot. There are 1050 feet of floor space in the house, which features two bedrooms, and may have outdoor bedroom added.

## Los Angeles Home— 1948 Model

By Virginia Zimmer

**M**ODERN construction for California comfort as the builders plan it is demonstrated tangibly in the \$15,000 model home on display this week at Pan-Pacific Auditorium.

Fourteen major construction firms, sponsors of the Home and Building Exposition at the auditorium, pooled their experience and funds to erect this home in the medium price range.

Efficiency, comfort and smart styling have been carefully tailored into the structure which occupies 1050 square feet. It was designed to fit into a 50-foot lot.

Denver Markwith Jr. and Lee B. Kline are the architects of the home, erected in a parkway opposite the auditorium entrance. Decoration of the living-dining area, master bed-

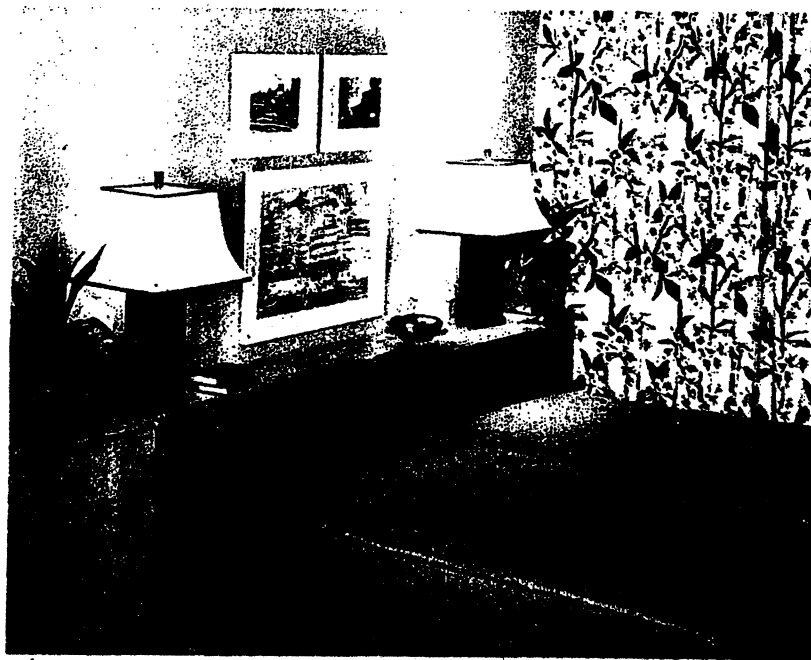
room, guest room and kitchen was planned and executed by Martha Weaver for Barker Brps.

A convenient entrance was the first step in planning this builders' version of a home. All its rooms can be reached from the entryway, which in turn is connected by a covered walk with the car port.

Focal point in the living room is a fireplace set several inches above the floor level and flanked by a sliding glass door at its left. A continuous light trough has been installed above the windows. This also houses a concealed drapery track.

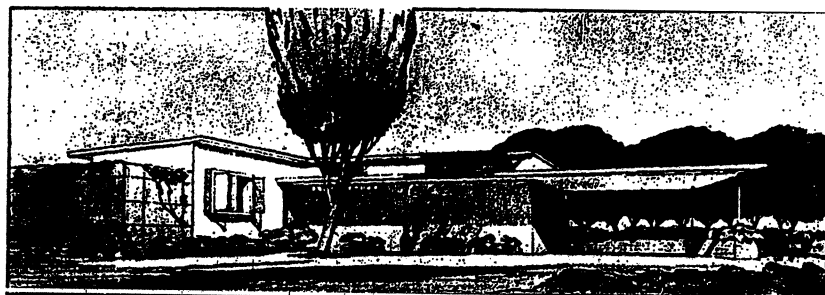
Furniture chosen for the living-dining area is of the multi-unit type, constructed of ash with a palomino finish. This matches the finish of the paneled fireplace wall.

The sofa's vivid blue-green



Shades of green and white in a floral print drapery contrast with a chocolate wall and built-in headboard. The spreads and pillows for the twin beds are a very deep green.

Times photos by Ray Graham



The front elevation of the model home which is on display at the Home and Building Exposition. Notice the Modern lines of design that stress comfort and smart styling.

plaid contrasts brightly with the two mandarin red chairs. Carpeting in a leaf pattern has a cocoa tone that is repeated in the walls. Lime casement curtains can be drawn across the full wall of glass doors.

One end of the dining room table has been placed against the wall of the dining area. Furniture here matches that of the living room in style and finish. Copper and brass accessories and a profusion of plant greenery lend variety and sparkle to the living-dining area.

Another wall of sliding glass doors is found in the master bedroom. These doors open on an outdoor area with a pierced roof which can be used for sleeping in seasonable weather. A continuous light trough is also used in this room, which in addition has the only clerestory windows in the house.

Twin beds with a continuous headboard and attached stands were selected by Miss Weaver for this bedroom. On the stands are button-tufted lamps of deep green, and above them

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## Los Angeles Home

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are three gay French Impressionist drawings. Green is the color of the bedspread and is repeated with accents of cocoa in the draperies. Two wardrobe closets are separated by a built-in dressing table.

The guest bedroom is equipped with generous bookshelves, so that it can do double duty as a den or study.

The bathroom is tiled, and one wall uses glass blocks to the height of the door with a window placed above them.

Builder Paul G. Evans has applied a plaster exterior to the wood frame structure. An acoustic plaster has been used for ceilings in the living-din-

ing area and master bedroom.

For coolness under hot summer suns, a white heat-reflecting composition has been used on the roof. The car port is paved with asphaltic concrete and has a wooden ceiling. Masonry planting boxes soften the outlines of this area.

Heat will be supplied for the home by a gas-fired, forced air system. This same unit will ventilate it during the summer months.

This home will be given away on the last day of the show, next Sunday. Persons may register for the drawing at a booth in the auditorium. Anyone is eligible to register.

Denver Markwith President of Industrial Firm

Buttress & McClellan (McClellan) Jan 7, 1959;  
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## Denver Markwith President of Industrial Firm

With the election of Denver Markwith Jr. as president of Buttress & McClellan, Inc., 49-year-old commercial and industrial development firm, the company's name has been changed to Buttress, McClellan & Markwith, Inc., it was announced yesterday.

Active in the architectural, engineering, construction and financing field for 20 years, Markwith joined Buttress & McClellan in 1948. He is a graduate of SC and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

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## Huntington Beach Downtown Specific Plan Update Program EIR Processing Schedule

#	Task Description	Specific Plan	EIR
1.	Revised Traffic Study Completed and ALL Internal and External comments clarified and submitted	March 27, 2009	
2.	Specific Plan – Revised Hearing Draft Completed	April 10, 2009	
3.	Screen Check EIR submitted to City staff for review (2 weeks)		<b>April 10, 2009</b>
4.	City staff EIR review comments to HAA (2 weeks)		April 24, 2009
5.	Draft Check Copy of EIR submitted to City staff for review (1 week)		May 8, 2009
6.	<i>Existing Parking Study and Recommendation Report</i>	<i>May 1, 2009</i>	
7.	Final Check Copy Edits received from City staff (1 week + 3 days for printing/sending)		<b>May 15, 2009</b>
8.	Draft EIR published for required minimum 45-day public review period		<b>May 28, 2009</b>
9.	Public comment meeting on DEIR		<b>June 17, 2009</b>
10.	Draft EIR 45-day public review period concludes		<b>July 13, 2009</b>
11.	Draft Responses to Comments to City staff for review		July 15, 2009
12.	Response to Comments doc review edits from City staff		July 17, 2009
13.	Distribution (mail out) of Response to Comments		July 18, 2009
14.	Planning Commission Study Session 1 (Plan)	<b>May 26, 2009</b>	
15.	Planning Commission Study Session 2 (Plan)	<b>June 23, 2009</b>	
16.	Planning Commission Study Session (EIR)		<b>July 14, 2009</b>
17.	Planning Commission Public Hearing		<b>July 28, 2009</b>
18.	City Council Public Hearing(s)		<b>Aug. 17, 2009</b>
19.	Filing/Posting of Notice of Determination (NOD) w/City Clerk & County Clerk-Recorder's Office		August 2009

